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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) A writ petition has been filed in the High Court regarding the subject and it is pending. The matter is *sub judice* and no information can therefore be furnished at this stage.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) The Collector of Tiruchirappalli has received suit notices addressed to him in his capacity as representative of the State of Madras and in his personal capacity. These notices are under examination.

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : I would like to preface my supplementary question by saying that I do not put any question regarding the writ petition or the suit notices received by the Collector in his capacity as the representative of the State. Are the Government in possession of all the decisions given by the Judicial District Magistrate of Tiruchirappalli in kisan disputes, especially the judgment in the Allur kisan trouble in which he has observed that the District Collector has exceeded all his powers in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I am not aware of it.

9-50 a.m. SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : May I know, Sir, whether a former Deputy Collector of the area was instigating the landholders to issue suit notices so that the Collector may get into the soup?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Nor am I aware of that.

Border dispute

* 3096 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM (on behalf of Sri N. K. Palanisamy) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that this Government have asked the Central Government during November 1955 to constitute a Boundary Commission to settle the dispute with the Andhra Government in regard to border areas?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir. The Government of India have been addressed on 1st December 1955 for constituting a Boundary Commission immediately to go into the Andhra-Madras border issues.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, did the Government of Madras receive any reply from the Central Government that they were prepared to constitute a Boundary Commission or did they give any alternative suggestion to us?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : We have not received any official reply from the Government of India. But a suggestion has been made about further talks between the Andhra Government and the Madras Government and that the issue is likely to be settled.

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Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN : Sir, will this Government pursue this matter further and ask the Central Government to constitute a Boundary Commission not only for settling the border disputes between Andhra and Madras but also between Madras and Travancore-Cochin?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : That question does not arise. Final decisions have not been taken on the States Reorganization Committee's recommendations. There was already a question on this subject, and I have answered in full all the points arising out of that question.

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Sir, may I know whether the Government consider that these border disputes are getting obsolete in view of the fact that Andhra is being dragged into the hotch-potch Southern State?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : So far I am not aware of any suggestion of Andhra coming into the Southern State.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : May I request the Hon. Minister to be more clear and plain in his answer? If the Central Government did not send any reply to constitute a Boundary Commission, who then gave the suggestion? Did the suggestion come from the Central Government or did it emanate from the Andhra Government or the Madras Government? Do the Government propose to solve the problem or do they simply want to keep it hanging in the air so as to please the agitators that this problem will be solved? May I suggest to the Government that they have earned a bad reputation by giving away Devicolam and Peermade and half of Shencottah? In spite of the very good achievements made by the Kamaraj Ministry like giving great relief to the cyclone-affected areas, all the fame of the Ministry has been eclipsed by their attitude to these border areas. Will they at least compensate the Madras State by getting areas from the Andhra State for what is going to the Travancore-Cochin State?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : I know the hon. Member is expressing his wish that the people should turn against the Government. But that is not going to happen. But as the hon. Member said I know that if this problem is solved, some people will be out of political employment. (Laughter.) Apart from that this Government also are very anxious to have this problem settled as early as possible. The only point for consideration is, what is the best method of settling this problem. This question is under the active consideration of the Government.

Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN : May I seek specially to impress on this Government that they should forget all big questions in view of the tense situation prevailing in the country but should only take steps to settle the border disputes so that that may be a prelude to the future merger of States?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It is very easy to make suggestions in these matters. There may be as many suggestions as we can think of, but the question is what is it that is in the best interests of the country. I am sure the leaders will take ultimate decisions which would be in the best interests of the country as a whole.

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI : Sir, the Hon. Minister referred to political employment. May I know from him whether the question of political employment is holding up the consideration of the formation of Dakshina Pradesh? (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The question of political employment or non-employment has not arisen with reference to Dakshina Pradesh. The only question is the Andhra border dispute which has given rise to border commandants. No doubt these commandants will be dethroned as soon as the dispute is solved.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Apart from the insinuation made by the Leader of the House, by which I will not be provoked, I want him to be more serious in this matter. While granting that I am convinced of the sincerity of this Government in solving this problem, may I know in all humility what is the *modus operandi* that the Government are going to adopt in this matter, and will they be pleased to set a date—at least indicate a probable date—before which this tangle would be solved and the commandant of this movement would be removed from the political employment which he is now having?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am glad the hon. Member will not get provoked, and I am also glad he has learnt by experience. (Laughter.) As far as this question is concerned, I have already answered that it all depends upon the position in regard to the various other areas also. As soon as final decisions are taken, I am sure this question also will be solved very easily. I may assure the hon. Member that before the final reorganization of the States takes place and before the general elections take place, this area will be available as a constituency.

(Starred question No. 3097—Postponed.)

Construction of a sea wall in Tellicherry

* 3098 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to construct a sea wall in front of the Civil Court buildings, Tellicherry?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : Yes.